

**REMARKS**

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment objects to the use of strike-through in the claim amendments filed October 2, 2007 alleging that "the amendments made where fewer than five characters were deleted using a strike-through is not easily perceived" and specifically objects to the amendment in claim 9, line 2. Applicant submits that the amendment substituting the word "said" for "a" in claim 9, line 2 (and other claims) is abundantly clear.

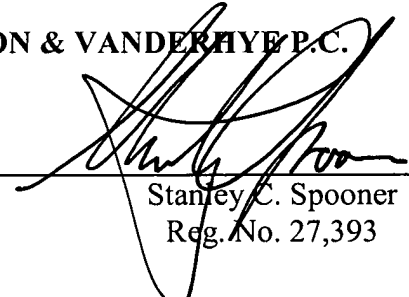
Notwithstanding the above, the above amendment to the claims includes double brackets for deletion of fewer than five characters.

This response is timely filed. Please proceed to process the Amendment filed October 2, 2007 and with the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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